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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN OFFICIAL ON SOVIET TREATMENT OF  
ALBANIAN ALLEGATION, CEAUSESCU VISIT

SUMMARY: SOVIET REPLAY AUGUST 10 OF THE ALBANIAN  
PARTY'S CHARGE THAT THE PRC PROPOSED A BALKAN MILITARY  
ALLIANCE EMBRACING ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA HAS UPSET  
THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. HOWEVER, ROMANIAN  
EMBOFF WITH WHOM WE SPOKE IS PUTTING THE BEST FACE  
ON THE SOVIET MEDIA'S TREATMENT OF CEAUSESCU'S  
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CRIMEA VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. PRAVDA AUGUST 10 CARRIES A TASS ITEM DISCLOSING  
THE ALBANIAN PARTY'S CHARGE THAT PEKING IN 1968  
AND 1975 TRIED TO FORCE ON ALBANIA THE IDEA OF A  
MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA.  
ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS TEXT OF THE FOUR-PARAGRAPH

REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS THE INITIAL AUGUST 2 PRAVDA  
REPORT OF THE ALBANIAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S  
LETTER PUBLISHED IN "ZERI I POPULLIT" JULY 29.

2. EMBOFF CALLED THE PRAVDA REPORT TO THE ATTENTION  
OF A ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR AFTER A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT CEAUSESCU'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AUGUST 7.  
THE ROMANIAN INDICATED HIS EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE  
OF THE REPORT BUT ALL HE COULD SAY AT THIS POINT IS  
THAT "HE PERSONALLY DID NOT LIKE IT." THE SOVIETS  
KNOW, HE CONTINUED, THAT ROMANIA IS FOR THE LIQUIDA-  
TION OF ALL MILITARY BLOCS, AND IS NOT INTERESTED  
IN ESTABLISHING OTHERS. ROMANIAN EMBOFF THEN LINKED  
THE ARTICLE WITH THE IMPENDING HUA VISIT TO BUCHAREST,  
SAYING THAT IT PROBABLY HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN  
THAT LIGHT. "ROMANIA WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL  
COUNTRIES, AND IF SOME OTHERS DON'T, WHAT CAN WE DO."

3. ROMANIAN EMBOFF SAID HIS EMBASSY HAD NOT YET  
RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE CEAUSESCU-BREZHNEV MEETING  
IN THE CRIMEA BUT HE JUDGED FROM COMMENTARIES IN THE  
ROMANIAN PRESS AS WELL AS THE SOVIET MEDIA'S  
TREATMENT THAT IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT, SUCCESSFUL  
ENCOUNTER. HE THOUGHT THE SOVIET PRESS WAS ACCORDING  
THE SAME TYPE OF ATTENTION TO THE CEAUSESCU MEETING  
AS THE OTHER CRIMEAN MEETINGS. THE ROMANIAN DIS-  
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MISSED SPECULATION THAT THE ABSENCE OF ARRIVAL AND  
DEPARTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE SOVIET PRESS REFLECTED  
SOMEWHAT COOLER SOVIET TREATMENT OF THE VISIT;  
CEAUSESCU'S VISIT WAS WRAPPED UP "IN SEVERAL HOURS"  
SO NO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE NECESSARY. HE IMPLIED  
THAT THE VISIT WAS SHORT BECAUSE CEAUSESCU IS  
"YOUNG, ACTIVE" (IMPLICITLY DRAWING A CONTRAST  
WITH BREZHNEV) AND HAS MUCH BUSINESS TO CONDUCT  
AT HOME.

4. ROMANIAN COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT CEAUSESCU'S  
IDEA FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST  
PARTIES WAS ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IN HIS AUG. 3  
SPEECH. ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY SOVIET  
REACTION, EMBOFF SAID HE HAD TRIED THE IDEA OUT ON  
SEVERAL SOVIET CONTACTS BUT ELICITED NO COMMENT.  
THE SOVIETS HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY ALERTED TO CEAUSESCU'S  
PLAN TO BROACH THE IDEA AND IT WAS UNLIKELY THERE  
WOULD BE DIRECT REACTION FOR SOME TIME. (ROMANIAN  
EMBASSY HAS BEGUN DISTRIBUTING A TWENTY-FOUR PAGE  
RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE VERSION OF AUG. 3 SPEECH. IT  
APPEARS TO INCLUDE THE MAIN POINTS REPORTED IN

BUCHAREST 5470.)

5. COMMENT: ROMANIAN EMBOFF WENT TO SOME LENGTHS TO PUT THE BEST FACE ON THE CEAUSESCU VISIT, WHICH CLEARLY IS RECEIVING LESS IN TERMS OF MEDIA TREATMENT HERE THAN VISITS OF OTHER EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS. HOWEVER, WHEN PRAVDA'S POINTED DISCLOSURE OF THE ALBANIAN CHARGE WAS MENTIONED, OUR CONTACT QUICKLY DROPPED THE PRETENSE THAT THE ATMOSPHERICS IN ROMANIAN-SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS REMAIN UNEXCEPTIONAL. IT IS CLEAR THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS DELIBERATELY AIMED AT BUCHAREST (AND BELGRADE) ON THE EVE OF CHAIRMAN HUA'S VISIT. TOON  
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